



# Falcon Newsletter

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## Important Dates

Wednesday, December 23

Thursday, December 24- January 3

Monday, January 4

Wednesday, January 6

SPIRIT DAY – Wear your PJ's to School

Schools Closed for Winter Break

Schools Reopen

PLES PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.

## **From the Principal. . .**

Dear Parents,

As the year 2015 comes to a close, I would like to thank our wonderful parents for their partnership with us as we work together for each child's success. I feel fortunate to be a part of this amazing Phelps Luck community. I would also like to thank all of our teachers and staff. We truly have the best staff in Howard County who work tirelessly for our students. I am genuinely proud to work at Phelps Luck every day and appreciate all of their efforts!

Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,  
Michelle M. Leader  
Principal

## **School News**

### **Pocket Moments:**

Do you ever have trouble finding out what happened in your child's day after they come home from school? Well, we have something that we've introduced here at PLES that may help with this. There is a new school-wide strengths initiative called pocket moments.

The concept is to have students visualize the "best thing" that happened in their day at school. The students can either reach up and grab the "best thing" or write it down on a paper pocket.

Make sure to ask your child(ren) what their pocket moment was each day when they come home from school. We are also encouraging students and teachers to submit pocket moments to Mrs. Jones so she can read them over the announcements.

### **Young Authors Contest**

It is time for the Young Authors Contest. It is open to 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students should write a short story or poem. Entries must be an original work. Short story entries may range from a minimum of 300 words to 800 words. Poem entries will consist of a single poem, and should consist of a minimum of 25 words, but no more than 150 words. Entries may not have graphics. Entries must include a completed

cover sheet signed by the student author and sponsoring teacher. Entries are due to January 8, 2016. For additional information check with your child's Language Arts teacher.

### **Training for Parent Volunteers**

In order to create a consistent process for training parent volunteers on issues of confidentiality, HCPSS has developed a brief training module and certificate of completion. Both the module and certificate are located at [www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org) or by going to the Phelps Luck website at [ples.hcpss.org](http://ples.hcpss.org). Once you have completed the training, please submit your certificate of completion to the front office before registering as a volunteer. Parents must also do this in order to chaperone field trips. Thank you for your assistance!

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

If you have moved or plan on moving, please notify the office of your new address. You will need to bring your new lease/deed and a current utility bill to the office in order for you to receive mailing and for your child's record to be changed.

### **From the PTA**

#### **Box Tops for Education**

Send Box Tops to school ANYTIME in a bag or envelope marked "Box Tops 4 Education" or by using submission forms sent home monthly in your Thursday folder (cut out the logo and expiration date). We have used the CASH earned from your Box Tops submissions to pay for kindergarten readiness supplies, indoor recess activities, and teacher training materials!

#### **Labels for Education**

Send Labels for Education labels (cut out the logo and bar code) to school ANYTIME in a bag or envelope marked "Labels for Education". Points earned from the labels can be redeemed for FREE educational merchandise for our school!

### **From the Community**

#### **GUMC FOOD PANTRY**

The Glenelg United Methodist Church (GUMC) Food Pantry is open every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, providing grocery assistance to those in need. This month the pantry is open on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am. As a partner of the Howard County Food Bank, we provide both county food as well as food/toiletries from individual donations. GUMC is located at 13900 Burntwoods Rd., Glenelg. You may contact us for pantry questions or to make a donation at 410-489-7260 or [glenelgumcpantry@gmail.com](mailto:glenelgumcpantry@gmail.com).



## No Doubts... No Limits...

Michelle Leader~ Principal

Connie Fowlkes ~ Assistant Principal